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Bar Hill Fête

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2015

from 2pm

through the afternoon and into the evening, with the usual brilliant bands playing until late!!

Cream Teas

Variety of stalls

Tug-of-War

Food

Beer Festival

Mr Gumble's Bouncy/Ride On Things

And Lots More...

For more information, visit the website: www.barhillvillagefete.org and keep an eye on the Bar Hill News.

BAR HILL LITTER PICK

Please come and join the Bar Hill Tidy Up Litter Pick on **Saturday 25th April**. Meet at the **Parish Council Office at 10am**. Collect your bag and litter pick stick and go for it! Tesco will be joining us this year, so it will be helpful to show them areas where to collect the litter. Contact: 01954 780456.

– ELECTRICAL RECYCLING COLLECTION – 28th MAY

All redundant/unwanted electrical items can be left out for collection on 28th May.
If you are missed, please contact the Parish Council Office on 01954 780456.

HAPPY EASTER, EVERYONE

For those of you with an online presence, your Bar Hill News is available – without advertising pages – at www.barhill.org.uk/bhn.php about 10 days before the paper copy drops on to the doormat.

Important Information for Dog Lovers

The Bar Hill News has been informed that there may be a plan to injure dogs in the village by leaving pieces of metal in small sausages on the pavement, hoping that dogs will eat them.
It's horrible to think anyone would do such a thing, but please be aware so that the suffering of a poor dog and heartbreak for their owner may be averted.
This may be a hoax – let's hope it is – but, dog owners, *please take care.*

deadline for next issue: 15th April 2015 to bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details

BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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The Objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between Residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill.

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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All matters relating to advertising should be addressed to the Advertising Coordinator bunty.waters@ntlworld.com. Quarter-page adverts cost £15.50 per month and must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to inclusion. Maxi ads (£8.50 per month) and Mini ads (£5 per month) should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion. Sizes: Maxi: 6 x 4.5 cm – 9 x 6 cm; Mini: 6 x 2 cm – 6 x 4 cm. Quarter-page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication, but this often results in a waiting list. To help overcome this, we provide maxi and mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found, and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954). All items can be submitted electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com, *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

THE MAPLE SURGERY

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Surgery Opening times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday	7.00am*– 6.30pm
Tuesday, Friday	8.30am – 6.30pm

(appointments available from 7.30am)*

***Emergency on the day appointments**: bookable by phone from 8.30am for the mornings and from 1.30pm for afternoons.*

Midwife	Thursday	2.00–4.00pm
Physiotherapist	Tuesday	1.00–4.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon
	and	1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues. of month	9.00am–12.30pm
CAMTAD	4th Tues. of month	9.30–11.30am

Phone lines open from **7am – 6.30pm, Mon. – Friday.**
Out of Hours Emergencies – call **111**
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)
Health Visitors: (based at Longstanton Surgery): 01954 207612
Well Child Clinics: 3rd Tuesday of the month 1.00–2.30pm at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill (next to Primary School).

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

• Church Office: **01954 206120** • Conservative Party (Iris Lay): **01954 205265** • Happy Hours (Helen Collins): **01954 782203** • Liberal Democrat Party (Andy Pellew): **07814 871752** • Library (renewals and enquiries): **0345 0455225** • Neighbourhood Watch: **01954 201001** • Parish Council: **01954 780456** • Police non emergency: **101** • Post Office: **01954 789285** • Pre-School: **01954 782892** • Samaritans: **01223 364455** • School: **01954 273305** • Social Club: **01954 781881** • Swavesey Village College **01954 230366** •

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Meerkats for Comic Relief: as Comparethemarket.com are sponsoring Neighbourhood Watch this year, a complete set of their meerkats were at the recent coffee morning for Comic Relief. A competition highlighted some common security risks and the answers are listed here, as they are really important.

1. Handbags in shopping trolleys and mobility scooter baskets are very unsafe – keep them on you.
2. Unlit houses attract attention – leave lights on when you go out or use timers if you will return home after dark.
3. There's no such thing as the Gas Board, Water Board etc – their representatives will specify their particular company and volunteer verifiable ID.
4. Keep garages and sheds locked so burglars cannot use your tools to break into your house.
5. Car and house keys left near the front door could be hooked through the letter box.
6. Banks etc will never ask for your pin number – no-one but you should know it.

These are common security lapses even amongst those who acknowledge their importance. Let's challenge and encourage each other to stay safe.

Power tools: these are still being stolen from garages and vans – consider additional security measures so you do not become a victim.

And finally: please keep your eyes open while walking round the village and report anything at all suspicious to the police on 101. The more we engage with them the more resources we could receive.

Pam Vendy, Village NHW Co-ordinator

– NWR –

CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light hearted. It is for women of all ages, who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us, come along to one of our meetings, you 'd be very welcome.

9th April: **Planning Meeting.** Venue: Karen's.

23rd April: **Hats** – *a talk about millinery by Helen Tilley – and there will be hats to try on!* Venue: Jackie (J)'s

7th May: **Hat Debate** – plus final arrangements for our Area Meeting. Venue: Julie's

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally at 8pm on alternate Thursday evenings. We pay an annual fee of £18.00 and just £1.00 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Geraldine Martensz on 01954 203458 or Bobby Colver on 01954 781682. NWR can also be found at www.nwr.org.uk. Why not have a look!

– BICYCLE REPAIRS & SERVICING –

Collection & Return Service. **07914 655086**

BAR HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – PTA TABLE TOP SALE –

Saturday 25th April from 2–4pm in the school.

[Set up time from 1pm.]

Why not have a clear out in the house and garage make those unused/unwanted items make you some money? Entrance to the event will be 50p per adult; accompanied children free.

Refreshments and cake stall available.

Please come and support your local school.

Table pitch costs £6.00. Please book this before Friday 27th March via the School Office – opening times: Monday to Friday 8.30–9am; 3–3.30pm. Tel: 01954 273305.

Over Day Centre presents

ABBA Tribute Duo

Saturday 25th April 2015 from 7.30pm

Find your flares; sew your sequins; help raise some Money Money Money!

Voulez vous join us at our ABBA Tribute Evening?

Live music. Optional fancy dress. Raffle for a wheelbarrow of booze – the Winner Takes it All. Bar serving till 11.30pm for Super Troupers and Dancing Queens – oh… and Does Your Mother Know?

Tickets: £10 available from Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over CB24 5NZ. Tel: 01954 231807.

Registered Charity No: 800829.

…did you know…

1.2 billion people in the world are underfed – the same as the number who are overweight?

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– LETTERS –

Dear Editor

Is anyone else incensed by the "lorry park" in Viking Way? The other evening I counted **seven** lorries vying for position along the road. And it is not just the evenings now; over the weekend of 7–8 March, there was a lorry and a van parked near the doctors surgery from late Friday till early Monday.

God forbid there is a fire or an emergency at the Church or in Hanover Close because there is no way a fire engine or ambulance could to get through.

Trying to talk to one of the drivers was an experience. I was told to mind my own business and that the road is "just an industrial estate. There aren't any residential properties down here". This was on a night when five lorries were helping each other to park – and holding up traffic to and from the doctors, Hanover Close and the Church.

Is the Parish Council doing anything about this hazard and if so, what? An answer to this would be gratefully received.

[name and address withheld]

Response from the Chairman, Parish Council:

Viking Way is unadopted by the County Council; they do not support it and it belongs to the Parish Council. We have and are trying to find ways to stop lorries parking there. There are three notices along the road, including one as you drive into Viking Way, but unfortunately they are ignored.

The Parish Council has researched many ways to stop the parking, but the many companies along Viking Way that need access makes it difficult to find suitable ways. The Parish Council writes to companies asking them not to allow their HGV lorries to park there and report them to VOSA, advising them that there is a need for emergency vehicles to have access at all times.

The Parish Council will continue to search for a way to deter these vehicles parking along this road. Please contact the Parish Council with further information.

Regards, ***Bunty Waters*** [01954 780456]

Dear Editor

I am pleased to announce that the LGBT Bar Hill Facebook page is now live. Our address is: www.facebook.com/LGBTBARHILL. We welcome all LGBT residents, their friends, families and those who work in Bar Hill. We are a local community group focused on supporting diversity and Bar Hill's continuing ethos of tolerance and understanding.

We look forward to making a positive contribution to our local community.

Regards, Anthony Mitchell

...did you know...

there are around 10 sextillion stars in the universe – that's a 1 followed by 22 zeros. On all our beaches, there are estimated to be around 5 sextillion grains of sand, so there are about twice as many stars in the universe as there are grains of sand on all the beaches of the world.

– OPPORTUNITIES –

VACANCY FOR BAR HILL PARISH CLERK

Sadly, we are losing our new Parish Clerk to another County.

We have a vacancy for an Administrative Parish Clerk for 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

The Parish Clerk should be self-motivated and confident. They will be carrying out business with the Parish Council's function as a local council. The Clerk organises and attends Parish Council meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month.

To fill this surprisingly varied role, the successful candidate will have excellent communication skills with people from a variety of backgrounds, and an ability to deal with a wide range of issues.

Additionally they will have accurate administrative, office and computer skills, be numerate, and be responsible for preparation of agendas, minutes, and handling correspondence.

Salary is in accordance with experience based on NALC & SLCC recommended rates.

Closing date is 23rd April 2015.

Please ask for an application form and details from the Chairman, Bunty Waters on 01954 201421, bunty.waters@ntlworld.com, or 01954 780456.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY eCOPS: POLICE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

We are currently recruiting Police Service Volunteers (PSV's) to help with a number of internal roles. We have worked successfully alongside Special Constables for many years and we are now looking to enhance our behind the scenes work in the same way, asking people to volunteer their time and skills.

There are a number of ways people can get involved; firstly by visiting our recruitment website at www.cambs-police.co.uk or contacting your local Police team. There are a number of roles which would specifically suit people looking to gather evidence for their C.V. or to get first-hand experience working with our Investigation teams.

T/Inspector Paul Rogerson, Crime and Operational Support Department, Police Headquarters, Huntingdon PE29 6NP

HAPPY HOURS – NEWSLETTER

Another quiet month which we ended with a collection for Comic Relief. We had a very successful raffle and also sold homemade cakes and raised £50.80.

We look forward to planning an Easter surprise where I am sure chocolate will feature!

Age UK Befriending Scheme call 0800 169 29 39 or Silverline 0800 470 80 90 especially for those who are lonely.

Helen Collins, 01954 782203

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Joe Hoyle, Parish Clerk
Tel: 01954 780456
e-mail: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Please note that the office is open to the public between **9am** and **11am Monday** to **Thursday**.

Visit our website, www.barhill.org.uk for updates on local matters.

Conservation Day – we had a very full day at the Nature Reserve. You may see where the Hawthorn has been cut back giving very good viewing areas. There was so much work done and the volunteers who came along worked extremely hard. There are very good walks to be had around the Reserve.

There has been much work cutting back along the stream, the overgrowth has been removed; however, there is still work to be done and this will be taking place over the coming months.

Rubbish – this is quite a problem in the village as many residents seem to put their general rubbish in the bins along the spine paths and bus stops, as they are emptied by South Cambs they are filled again, however, there are already blue and black bins for the varieties of rubbish collected. Please report to the Parish Council if you see this happening.

Anonymous complaints – we have had a number of anonymous complaints since January. While we appreciate that many people would prefer to remain nameless in disputes, as a council we cannot act upon anonymous letters, emails or visits to the office. We would ideally prefer a name, contact number and email if possible.

Parish Council Meetings – the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 16th April at 7pm in the Parish Council Office. All members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for residents to put their views across.

Handy Telephone Numbers

Streetlights: 0800 253529 – give the number that is written on lamppost
Anglian Water (water supply & sewerage): 03457 145 145
South Cambs District Council: 03450 450500
County Council (damaged paths and roads): 01223 717111.

BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS

Free every Wednesday morning
Meet at Maple Surgery, Hanover Close, Bar Hill CB23 8EH
at 10:30 am

Our walks are all weather (in case of rain you will find us under the church porch), free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.

Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.

We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.

If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short Health Questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Contact: Patricia Daniels, Co-ordinator, T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com; or Josephine Powell, Co-ordinator, T: 07901 558108; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com.

OAKINGTON AND WESTWICK TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We are a small, friendly club that meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Queensway, Oakington.

New members are always welcome, so come and spend an evening as our guest. Junior players are also welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

We have four tables and spare bats – you just need a pair of trainers.

For further information, please contact Dawn Stokes on **01223 236427**.

MATHS AND PHYSICS TUITION

Qualified teacher, with First Class Honours Degree in Physics, offers GCSE and A level tuition in Maths and Physics.
Telephone **Paul Noble** on **01954 780477**.

BAR HILL BOOK CLUB

Come along and join this new club. We are a small, friendly book-loving group. Next meeting is at 6pm on Tuesday 7th April in The Fox.

Contact us via www.streetlife.com / Bar Hill or just turn up on the night.

– S DYE –

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– CHURCH MATTERS –

BAR HILL CHURCH SMALL GROUPS

Bar Hill Church has five small groups who meet regularly, weekly and fortnightly, with a mix of evening and daytime meetings.

A Small Group is a place where people grow together as they explore and apply the Bible to everyday life. It's also where people care and pray for one another, serve together and develop genuine relationships.

We hope that our groups facilitate discipleship, mission, fellowship, evangelistic outreach and pastoral care. The Church aims to develop a deeper understanding by providing sound biblical knowledge and spiritual growth, and help you develop your personal relationship with God.

In the New Year we are hoping to revisit some of the basic beliefs that underpin our Christian faith. Whatever stage you are at on your Christian journey this bible study will help you to explore and develop your Christian faith.

If you are interested in joining in the fellowship of a small group within the village please visit the Church website. I can be contacted at Bar Hill Church office to discuss placing you in a suitable group.

With Blessings in Christ

Jenny Patton [small groups coordinator]

BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT DATES FOR 2015

Please come and join us on: 25th April, 23rd May, 27th June, 18th July, 26th September, 24th October in the Octagon 2.15– 4.30pm. 28th November will be our Christmas Craft Day, details nearer the time.

For more details contact Wendy on 01954 782041.

Come and join this year's

BAR HILL CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB "MEGA MAKERS"

Monday 27th to Friday 31st July from 9.30am to 1pm (with extended day on Wednesday and Service on Friday teatime) for children in Reception to Year 6.

Cost £28 per child (reductions for siblings) includes a t-shirt, trip and family tea.

Open bookings will be taken from Monday 20th April.

For more details and a booking form please contact:

Claire Thorby: cypadmin@barhillchurch.org.uk or tel: 01954 781527;

Heather Smethurst: cyp@barhillchurch.org.uk or tel: 01954 201791.

LET'S WALK THIS WORLD TOGETHER

Christian Aid Week runs from 10th to 16th May. Please avoid booking time away then – last year ten regular collectors were on holiday. The secret of a good result is calling at every possible house, and the more of us who take part, the easier the walk will be. Do commit yourself to stepping out with us in mid-May, and let Jenny Knight know now on 01954 780745 or rgp@barhillchurch.org.uk.

BAR HILL CHURCH

BAR HILL ECUMENICAL CHURCH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

SERVICES FOR APRIL 2015

The Church Minister, Charles Mather, can be contacted on minister@barhillchurch.org.uk, or by phone on 01954 277119. Our website gives lots of information about what's happening in Church: barhillchurch.org.uk.

Weds. 1st	**6.30pm** Stations of the Cross.
Thursday 2nd	**7.30pm** Maundy Thursday service.
Friday 3rd	**10am** Good Friday Service.
Sunday 5th	**10am** Holy Communion for Easter Day; No evening service.
Sunday 12th	**8am** Holy Communion; **10am** Morning Worship; **6.30pm** Informal Worship.
Sunday 19th	**10am** Holy communion; Eco walk in the afternoon.
Weds. 22nd	**10am** Midweek Communion.
Sunday 26th	**10am** All Age Worship; **6.30pm** Holy Communion.

Contact: Church Centre Manager: 01954 206120; office hours Mon., Weds. and Fri. 0930–1230.

There is a Roman Catholic Mass every Saturday at 6 pm.

THE COFFEE STOP...

...is a weekly event in the Bar Hill Library, run by volunteers. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served from 10.00am till 12 midday for a modest price. We aim to provide a friendly meeting place for our community to have a chat to old friends and new.

The coffee stop is growing and is used regularly by the Bar Hill Health Walkers, and occasionally by members of the Horizon group.

We are very grateful to the library staff for accommodating us and would love to welcome new people to join us. We would like as many people as possible to borrow a book from the library regularly to help keep this facility available for our village. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Sue Kenchington on 01954 780260.

- The longest sentence in the Bible is Esther 8:9 at 89 words.
- The longest book chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
- The longest word in the Bible is Maher-shalal-hash-baz: Isaiah 8:1.

The raven is the first bird mentioned in the Bible. It appears in Genesis 8:7, when it is sent out from the ark by Noah to see if the flood waters have abated. The dove is mentioned in verse 8.

– CHURCH MATTERS –

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET

Saturday 2nd May
Saturday 6th June
10.30am – 2pm
In the Octagon CB23 8EH
– Entry is Free –

Come and support your local community.
A variety of handmade crafts, jams, fruit, vegetables, cards and beauty products.
We raise funds for community projects.
Refreshments Available
Soup and roll from 12noon
BBQ *(weather permitting)*
If you would like to be part of the market, please contact either Karen Austen 01954 781085 or Sue Gadsby 01954 200875.

YOUNG PEOPLE GROUPS

Youth Socials – there is a time to relax and play games (Wii, Pool, Table Tennis) one Sunday per month from 7.15–9.00pm in the Octagon.
Cell Groups – these are groups of young people, meeting once a month, to learn more about the Bible and the Christian faith.
Café Church – as an alternative to sitting in the Sunday morning service, the children & young people meet in the Octagon on 1st and 3rd Sundays, for breakfast and a learning activity.
Young Peoples Evening Worship Service – this informal service is for adults and young people and uses contemporary music and format. This is held from 6.30–8.00pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month, starting with cake and drinks!
For more information on any of these events contact Heather at familysmeth@ntlworld.com.

KNIT AND NATTER...

...is a long established group that has weekly meetings on Thursday afternoons at 1.15 until 3.30pm in the Octagon. We are a friendly and active group who do what we can to support one another and groups who need our help. We currently work hard knitting for the children's Christmas Shoe Boxes, "Operation Christmas Child". We also send hats, jumpers and blankets to where they are needed in the world. We hold a number of events in the year including outings, coffee mornings, a Christmas lunch and a "Holiday at Home" at Easter. We would be very happy to welcome new people either those who are knitters or those who just want to come to chat and would like to meet some new friends.
For more information contact Sue Kenchington on 01954 780260.

BAR HILL CHURCH ECO GROUP...

...meets for an hour in alternate months to think about how we, as a local community, can best use world resources both for our own benefit and for that of future generations. We are working towards the award of 'Eco-Congregation'. Recent events have included an Eco walk and picnic, and a Church Weekend at Home with speakers from Cambridge Carbon Footprint.
New members – from the congregation or the village – are always welcome. Meetings take place in the Church from 11.30–12.30 on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Further details can be found at www.barhillchurch.org.uk.

MESSY CHURCH...

...is for pre-school and primary age children and their carers. They meet in the Octagon from 3.15–5.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Each session begins with craft activities followed by a story and song on a Bible theme, and ends with a simple meal. Come along!
For more information contact Peter at familysmeth@ntlworld.com.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

Hills Road, Cambridge
The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill

Parish Priest:	Mgr Peter Leeming	Tel: 01223 350787
Local contact:	Bunty Waters	Tel: 01954 201421
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday		8am and 12.15pm
Tuesday		8am and 7.30pm
Saturday		6pm. First Mass of Sundays

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and 6pm at **The Octagon**, Bar Hill.

Holydays of Obligation	8am, 10am, 7.30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Tuesday	6.45pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm

Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the **6pm** Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

ART GROUP

If you would like to try painting, even if you think you're no good, we will give you a warm welcome.
Bar Hill Church Art Group meets on **Wednesday afternoons** throughout the year from **1.30–4pm** in the **Church**. Our meetings are very informal with occasional visiting tutors.
Why not come along and give it a try? You can borrow equipment until you find out what you need, and other members are always ready help.
Contact Jan Hewins on 01954 201495 for more information.

BAR HILL VILLAGE HALL

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- Anniversary Celebrations;
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During the week we have the following groups and clubs:

Monday	Helene Jones Dance *(school term time only)*	4.00–8.15pm
Tuesday	Shotokan Karate	5.45–8.00pm
Tuesday	Danielle (Boot Camp)	8.00–9.00pm
Wednesday	Helen Jones (Dance)	4.00–6.45pm
Wednesday	Zumba	7.00–8.00pm
Wednesday	Pilates	8.00–9.00pm
Thursday	Pilates *(term time only)*	10.00–11.00am
Thursday	Weightwatchers	7.00–7.50pm
Friday	Stage Starz *(term time only)*	5.45–6.45pm
Friday	Martial Arts	7.45–9.00pm
Saturday	Sweat and Tone	8.00–9.00am
Sunday	Bingo *(doors open 7pm)* Cash prizes	7.30–9.30pm

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours Monday–Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW PLAYERS NEEDED FOR BAR HILL COLTS UNDER 9s

Is your child currently in Year 4? Would they like to have fun playing football? Would you like them to enjoy improving their fitness and enhance their social skills?

If the answer is 'yes', then Bar Hill Colts Under 9s would like to hear from you. Your perfect solution is to join our FA Charter Standard Community Club. Why not bring your child along to our training sessions on Wednesdays at 5pm? We train using qualified FA Coaches on Bar Hill village green or Astroturf.

Contact Dom Swindell: 07980 757259 or Mark Flatts: 07767 693950. We look forward to hearing from you.

Did you know in the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated?

– 8 O'CLOCK CLUB –

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What's on in April?

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Sun. 5	Easter Egg Hunt
Sat. 18	Membership draw
Fri. 24	Disco Night
Mon. 27	Mini Monthly Quiz – £50 prize

Looking Ahead to May...

Sat. 2	Membership Draw
Sat. 16	Membership Draw
Mon. 25	Mini Monthly Quiz – £50 prize
Fri. 29	Disco Night
Sat. 30	Membership Draw

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2 May	Bar Hill Saturday Reserves v Houghton & Wyton, K/O 1500

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This spring we have a small display at the **Tea Bar, Outpatient Department, Rosie Hospital** at Addenbrooke's
Our next stalls will be:

- **Sunday 12th April** 9.30am to 1pm: **Cambourne 10K Race;**
- **Monday 4th May** 10.30am to 4pm: **Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey Craft Fair.**

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Help us Improve our Service – please take the time to complete an NHS Friends and Family Test Card available in the waiting area. Your feedback will help us learn more about what you like about the Surgery and what you think we could improve.
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Shingles – shingles vaccinations are available for all patients who were aged 70, 78 and 79 on the 1st September 2014. Please contact the Surgery to arrange an appointment.
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Repeat Prescriptions – please do remember to allow two clear working days for your repeat prescription requests to be processed.
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BAR HILL BABY AND TODDLER GROUP...

... is held on Wednesday and Friday 9.45–11.15 am at the Octagon. This is for families and carers with children aged 0–4 years, with a variety of toys and activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers, and a baby area with mats and age appropriate toys. Drinks and snacks are provided.
Prices:
Under 1's – £1.00 *(or* FREE *when paying for a sibling over 1);*
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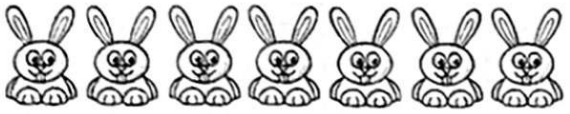

'Little Bunnies' Toddler Group for Babies and Pre-school Children and their Parents/Carers. We meet on Thursdays 9.45–11.15am in the Octagon (term time only) £2.50 per family/carer, or £1 per adult with one child under a year old. Includes soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children, hot drinks for the adults. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys.

'Little Bunnies' Sensory Sessions at the Octagon on Tuesdays from 9.45–11.15am during term time.

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Patient Participation Group – our Group met on 26th February. We looked at the results of the 2014 Patient Survey and the Friends and Family Test questionnaires for December, January and February. All but two responders said that they would recommend the practice. Provisional date for the next Patient Group meeting is Thursday 21st May 2-4pm. We welcome new members and in particular would like to encourage younger members and young mums to join. E-mail address: ppgwillingham@outlook.com; e-mails are read and responded to by the Chair or Secretary.

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Carers Support Meeting – the next meetings are on Wed 8th April and Wed 6th May 2.00-4.30pm at Willingham Surgery. Come along for a friendly chat and learn about what support is available to you. Ring Karen at the surgery for details.

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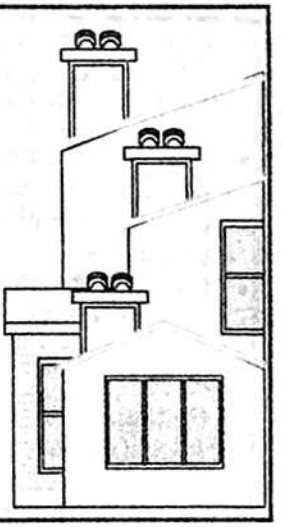

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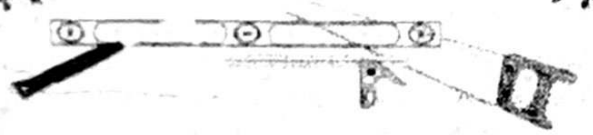

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April is the time to start giving your lawn some TLC with regular mowing and a feed, weed and moss killing treatment, for the best results treat your lawn regularly.
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And ladies, don't forget to buy your ticket for our charity garden party (18th June).
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The extended outdoor learning environment provides opportunities from growing fruit and vegetables for our snack bar to discovering worms, ladybirds and other creatures that share the setting. We are proud to offer many additional learning experiences for your child with regular visitors to the setting as well as exploring the community around us. The setting is intimate and comfortable and provides a safe environment for your child to learn and develop with their peers. The indoor area has a quiet corner for reading as well as a range of toys and equipment for your child to discover. We have strong ties with the community through visits to local businesses, the library and the church.

Parent/Carer Partnership: To fulfil our commitment to meeting children's individual needs we use communication diaries as part of our outstanding parent/carer partnerships. Please contact us on the above telephone numbers or: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk.

Our setting manager as well as session allocation coordinator, Sarah, and her deputy Michele are always on hand to support you through the registration process. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

GIRLGUIDING IN BAR HILL

WE DISCOVER, WE GROW Girlguiding

Who says Guides aren't adventurous! Imagine camping in a wind tunnel mud bath the first weekend after New Year. Two of the Leaders took 11 Guides to Winter Camp, where the girls got to try lots of new activities including Segway, Revolving Wall climbing, Archery, 4x4 Land Rovers, Tank Driving, Diggers and many more fun and exciting activities. Was it wet? Yes! Was it muddy? Extremely! Were the girls challenged? Definitely! Was it fun? Oh yes! Why not come and join in the fun?

Girlguiding units currently meet weekly in Bar Hill: Rainbows (age 5–7) Monday and Wednesday, Brownies (age 7–10) Tuesday and Wednesday, Guides (age 10–14) Wednesday, and Senior Section (14+) meet monthly.

If you would like to volunteer, or your daughter wants to join us having fun in a girl only environment, please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

For more information about local girlguiding, please phone 01954 203322 or email Di Gunton, Bar Hill District Commissioner, at di@theguntons.com.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT APRIL 2015

With the 2014-15 'council year' about to come to a close – and elections for 19 of the 57 wards due to take place on 7th May – additional savings of £670,000 as well as an increase of £2.45 a year in the Band D Council Tax have had to be made to offset a diminishing government grant in order to maintain the present level of services.

In 2005, South Cambridgeshire was spending £18.1 million; now it is £17.3 million, with inflation £5 million less. Throughout this time, the Council has maintained the policy of keeping front-line services intact while allowing local parishes to set their own precepts.

South Cambridgeshire's collection rates are among the highest in the country, being 99.2% in council tax, business rates 96.9% and council house rents 98.8%.

The population of the district is not only increasing but getting older. The population now stands at 151,400, with 0.9% more women than men. The economically active proportion of the population in the last year fell to 94,100.

The Local Plans for South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City are now being examined by government inspectors. A total of 33,000 new homes, 19.000 of which will be in South Cambridgeshire, are being proposed for the period 2011-31. No development, however, is being proposed for the Bar Hill ward.

The Council is the landlord of 5.500 properties, the installation of solar panels having provided free daytime electricity for 2,000 of them. This has partly offset increases in rent caused by government policy that these should shadow rents in the private sector. In addition, the Council is building new council houses, 35 having been built in the last year.

Lastly, the Council has supported local businesses with workshops, seminars and ongoing advice. Over 400 new apprenticeships have been created locally.

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Now we can sit back and enjoy the fruits of this project, relax in the sun and chat to folks who join us. We hope that this bench will provide a place for friendships to form, and be enjoyed by all the community.

A little get together will take place soon, look out for the date.

A great big thank you to everyone who contributed in so many ways – too many to name – thank you all and well done.

Sue and Josephine, Coffee Stop and BH Health Walks.

1st BAR HILL SCOUT GROUP

All of our sections are having another busy term, packed with exciting activities. The Beavers have been working on their Emergency Aid badge: learning first aid and meetings our PCSOs. They've also been making and playing instruments for their Creativity badge. At the end of March they zoom into space (well, to Caxton!) for a rocket-themed sleepover.

Cubs are preparing for their centenary year celebrations with a host of planned activities, including a visit to the East of England showground for a day about wildlife and the countryside. In the next few weeks, they will be learning about Bar Hill history and hosting friends on the first 'Bring a Buddy' night.

Meanwhile the Scouts have been learning bike maintenance, cycling along the busway, exploring St Ives and working towards their Community challenge by helping with scrub clearance at the nature reserve. Look out for them at the Parish Council's litter pick too.

Could YOU play a part in supporting our Scouts? The Group needs new committee members: it's just 3 meetings each year, plus the AGM. If you could help us in any way (perhaps you have a skill to share with the young members?) then please contact Raymond Andrews on raymond.andrews6@btinternet.com.

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SEBASTIAN KINDERSLEY

Sebastian has been selected to run again as the Liberal Democrat candidate for South Cambridgeshire.

Born in Scotland he grew up in Ireland before moving to Cambridge in the early 80's to complete a degree at Anglia Ruskin University. Moving to South Cambs in the mid-80s he set up a market research company in Royston. Having sold the company he now runs a small home-based business based at East Hatley, near Gamlingay, working with financial institutions.

Sebastian was first elected to serve South Cambridgeshire residents in 1999 as a South Cambs District Councillor for Gamlingay. Since then he has added Arrington, Hatley, Lt Gransden, Croydon and Longstowe when the ward boundaries changed in 2004, and the Parishes of Barrington, Orwell, Wimpole, Harlton, Haslingfield and the Eversdens followed in 2005 when he was elected County Councillor.

Planning and the development of the area is Sebastian's chief concern and he sits on both the District and County Planning Committees. Over the years he has held many other posts at South Cambs and is passionate in particular about the importance of Parish Councils in local life.

Outside work Sebastian grows his own fruit and vegetables, keeps bees and takes advantage of living in the beautiful countryside of South Cambridgeshire. He is a Trustee of a local housing charity and over the years has been a Governor of two local schools. He organises the annual Poppy Appeal for Gamlingay and the Hatleys. He is very happy to hear from any resident – contact Sebastian on 01767 651982 or skindersley@hotmail.com.

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There is a wealth of information on the internet, but how can you tell what is good advice and what might end up costing you money?

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The volunteer will be available on Mondays from 12–2pm on: 23rd March, 20th April, 18th May, and 1st June. No question is too small. Our volunteer is keen to talk to as many people as they can about the issues affecting them.

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In addition, we have been drawn against Milton III in the Lower Junior Cup, which is this year to be played in a Twenty20 format. The match will be at home on the village green on Saturday 23rd May.

Our first action will be away from the village, as we have pre-season friendlies on 26th April at Huntingdon and, hopefully, 19th April against Longstowe. The league season starts on 2nd May with a trip to Barrington II.

As we have fewer league matches than anticipated, we will hopefully arrange some Sunday friendly matches. And there will of course be the Fred Styles Memorial Match on a date to be confirmed.

Indoor net practice sessions continue at Comberton Sports Centre every Monday until 20th April, from 8.15pm to 9.45pm, costing £4 for adults and £2 for concessions – new members of all skills are welcome.

We are also in the process of finalising our youth training sessions – we will post on our website and hopefully also advertise through the school.

Finally, is there anyone out there who would like to help the club in a voluntary capacity? We are always looking for new ideas and input into the club – contact me on the number below if you are interested – or if you or someone you know want to play for your village club!

Our website is at www.barhillcricket.org.uk and we also have a Facebook page and you can follow us on Twitter @BarHillCC.

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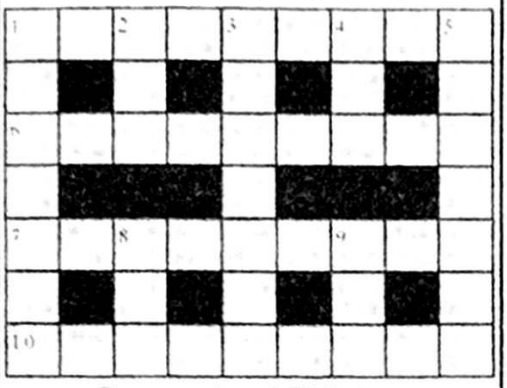
Down: 1. ccrs, 2. b, 3. ttmc, 4. y, 5. sndly, 8. cs, 9. td 3. like an opal, 4. vermin, 5. tightly, 8. decayed, 9. also.



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Across: 1. enamoured, 6. enhearten, 7. rabbinate, 10. Wednesday.

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Weds. 22 April	black bins
Weds. 29 April	green bin, blue bin etc.
Weds. 7 May	black bins
Weds. 29 April	green bin, blue bin etc.
THURS. 7 May	black bins
Weds. 13 May	green bin, blue bin etc.

'Stewardesses' is the longest word you can type with only your left hand, and 'lollipop' with your right.

APRIL BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

FREE fire safety seminars for businesses

Do you own or manage a business? Do you know what fire safety laws apply and how to conform to legislation? Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is running free seminars for you to swot up on your knowledge. Why not organise one for the businesses in your village? We hold at least two seminars, lasting about 2½ hours, every month and whether your business runs out of small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or a licensed premises, our free workshops will help you better understand important fire safety legislation – and may even save you money in the long-run.

Seminars will be run on the second Tuesday of each month in Cambridge, and the third Tuesday of the month in Peterborough, starting at 10am. We can organise them on an ad-hoc basis. If there are a number of businesses in one location or trade that would like to attend a seminar, the fire service is keen to accommodate. To find out more or book a free place on a seminar, call 01733 353206.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind in April – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk for the latest incidents, news and safety advice. Find us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

TESCO COMMUNITY INFORMATION – APRIL

The community room is rather busy this month with all sorts of activities but we would like to highlight three.

Madi Gilkes runs a **coffee morning** every fourth Monday of the month (next one 27th April) **for parents of children with special educational needs** (SEN). It's an informal get together to chat about everyday life over a coffee with the opportunity to swop information and support. More details: Madi on 07947 210828.

Parkinson's UK is holding a drop-in session on Tuesday 21st April, come along for a cup of tea and chat with their volunteers and staff from 10–12pm. It is also hoping to run 15minute training awareness sessions from 1–3pm for staff who work in shops/libraries/post offices. For more information please contact 0808 800 0303. Make your Community a friendlier place for people affected by Parkinson's

Carers Support Team hold drop-in sessions every third Monday of the month 10.30–1.30, the next one is on the 20th April. For more details email carerssupportteam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Lisa and myself are looking forward to helping the ladies of Starship Children Centre with the revamp of their garden that was affected by the flooding back in August.

Best wishes, *Lisa & Julie*

APRIL PUZZLE

Form nine, nine letter butterflies or moths, in alphabetical order.

A	L	I	G	E	R	O	N	E
A	R	W	H	O	N	O	P	A
B	R	I	I	N	G	P	E	N
C	A	R	I	N	G	P	Y	R
C	L	E	M	S	T	S	C	A
C	L	E	N	O	T	T	E	R
D	A	E	N	T	A	T	R	A
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Solution for March: ARCHITECT, CAMERAMAN, ECONOMIST, GOLDSMITH, HARVESTER, POLICEMAN, POULTERER, SACKMAKER, STATIONER.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings, which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office.

Next meeting:
7th April;
AGM: **Friday 15th May**

– Events Calendar –

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
30 March	BHSSC Quiz Night *(page 8)*	BHSSC	8pm
5 April	Easter Egg Hunt *(page 8)*	BHSSC	8pm
7 April	Bar Hill Book Club *(page 5)*	The Fox	6pm
9 April	NWR planning meeting *(page 3)*	venue: Karen's	
12 April	Rosie at Cambourne 10K Race *(page 15)*		9.30am–1pm
12 April	Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day *(page 30)*	Gransden Lodge airfield	10am–4pm
23 April	NWR – Hats *(page 3)*	venue: Jackie J's	8pm
24 April	Disco Night *(page 8)*	BHSSC	
25 April	Cambridge Pinks collection day *(page 30)*	Cambridge Centre	all day
25 April	Bar Hill Tidy Up Litter Pick *(front page)*	meet at Parish Council Office	10am
25 April	Bar Hill School PTA table-top sale *(page 3)*	Bar Hill School	2–4pm
25 April	Abba Tribute act *(page 3)*	Over Day Centre	7.30pm
27 April	BHSSC Quiz Night *(page 8)*	BHSSC	8pm
7th May:	NWR – Hat Debate *(page 3)*	Venue: Julie's	8pm

WEEKLY EXERCISE SESSIONS – FOREVER ACTIVE

Forever Active, which runs exercise sessions for the over 50s and those returning to a more active lifestyle, will be running two sessions weekly in the **Community Space Room, Tesco Bar Hill.**

These sessions will be on Mondays commencing **2nd March:**
3–4pm: Chair-based exercise – predominantly seated but will include some optional standing work. All abilities welcome.
4–5 pm: Pilates – to help strengthen weak areas and stretch tight muscles, enhancing good posture and correct body alignment.
Cost of classes: **£3.50** for **FA members, £5.00 non-FA members**. Free tea and coffee courtesy of Tesco.
For further information , please contact Forever Active, 07432 480105 or email enquiries@forever-active.org.uk.

HAPPY EASTER FROM CAMBRIDGE PINKS!

On 25th April we will be collecting for Breast Cancer Campaign in Cambridge Centre, so look out for our collectors in their bright pink tee-shirts!
If you would like to get involved in fundraising for Breast Cancer Campaign then please do get in touch.
If you would like to find out more about Breast Cancer Campaign and how your donations will be used, then visit our websitewww.breastcancercampaign.org.
Breast Cancer Campaign's mission is to fund innovative world class research into Breast Cancer. Here in Cambridge Breast Cancer Campaign is funding researchers who are learning about the genetics of breast cancer and finding new genes involved in breast cancer.
Avril Williams, Chairman, avril.williams1@btinternet.com.
Cambridge Pinks – Breast Cancer Campaign Volunteer Group
Registered Charity no. 299758.

...did you know...

Camels are called 'ships of the desert' because of the way they move, not because of their transport capabilities? Their humps are used as fat storage, thus, an under-nourished camel will not have a hump. Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand. They are peaceful animals who rarely exhibit aggression.

CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CENTRE OPEN DAY
Sunday 12th April, 10am–4pm

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome.
Trial flights with our qualified instructors available on a first-come, first-fly basis.
Free admission. Refreshments.
The airfield entrance is on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm. More information online: www.camgliding.uk/.

HELP SAVE BAR HILL TENNIS CLUB

Our Club was founded in January 1990. Through energetic effort we committed to develop class facilities for the benefit of Bar Hill. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council, land was set aside and the Committee set about raising a total of £36,000. In 1997, we achieved this goal and constructed the facilities we now enjoy.
Membership peaked at nearly 40 adult members and 30+ juniors but unfortunately has dwindled in recent years. The club is now in grave danger of closing if we cannot encourage new members.
With the right level of support we can continue to fund for the future and ensure the Village maintains this sporting resource.
To survive we need new members, so this season (1st May to end September) we are offering a **year's free membership** for the first playing season to new members.
Tuesday nights (7–9pm) are for more experienced players; our new Thursday Club night (7–9pm) is for newcomers or less experienced players, when at least one male and female club member will be available for guidance and information.
To take up this offer please complete the Application Form available on our website www.barhilltennisclub.co.uk.
PLEASE HELP SAVE OUR CLUB!!
Contact Paul Chubbuck, Secretary, 01954 781688, paul.chubbuck@btinternet.com.